An Englishman has just had a very carious experience, says the London Telegraph. He had lent a Turk some money, but the man was unable to pay and on his deathbed laid a particular charge on his wife and children to meet the debt. The eldest son was making arrangements accordingly, but also died, and he, too, begged his family to pay the money as soon as they could.

One day the Englishman received a sist from a member of the family, who said that there were now four members of it left, and they were ready to pay, but one of the daughters refused to subscribe her share, declaring that the money was never really lent. The others, however, wished to settle the matter, and if the Englishman would come to the house it would be arranged. "But," the Turk added, "If you see there is any difficulty just may that you leave it to be settled in the next world!"

Accordingly the Englishman went to the house at the appointed time and met the family in the presence of a moliah, the ladies being behind a screen. The mollah began by asking If he had truly lent the money, how much it was and if he would take any less. One of the women behind kept saying it was all a fraud. The Englishman then declared that he had lent the money, that he had not asked for it, that they had sold him to come and get it and if they did not want to pay It he would leave the matter to be settied in the next world.

There was dead silence for a few moments, and then the women called their brother, and each paid her share without a word. It seems the prospect of meeting the father in the other world without having carried out his wishes was too serious a thing to face.

#### THE COOKBOOK.

In baking bread it is better to overdo rather than underdo the work.

To make a good digestible pie crust use cream instead of lard, and it will be light and healthful.

If there is not batter enough to fill the gem pan, put cold water in the empty space before setting the pan in

The rich cheeses, which have the largest percentage of fat, are those which blend well with bread in sandwiches or with macaroni or rice.

For a quick cake beat until thick four eggs. Add four tablespoonfuls of sugar, half a cup of flour, a little cinnamon and lemon rind. Beat well and apread on a baking pan. Bake in quick oven and cut at once.

Sweet potatoes are much richer twice cooked. Baked or boiled merely, this vegetable is good, but when the baking or boiling is followed by a subsequent cooking in the pan or in the oven they are far better.

grating five ounces of bread and three straight line. In a quarter of a pint of fresh milk and mix thoroughly. Add two well beaten egga, salt and bake half an hour.

#### Death In Their Work.

Gilders, photographers and those who bandle the hydric and potassic evanides are liable to suffer from chronic poisoning by hydrocyanic acid. They have beadache, giddiness, noises in the ear, difficult respiration, pain over the heart, loss of appetite-in short, show all the evidences of mild poisoning. Zinc workers, too, suffer. Zinc is used as a pigment in calico printing, in discoloring glass, in polishing optical glasses and in making artificial meerschaum pipes.

So men die in harness in these and a hundred other occupations, killed by the very air they breathe, and other men step into their shoes.-New York World.

## The European Plan.

Some queer customers are seen at New York hotels. An old farmer from the country tells how he got ahead of one of the clerks. "I walked in," he says, "asked the young man at the desk, 'What are your prices?' 'American or European? he asked me. Now I wasn't going to tell where I was from until I had seen the lay of the land. 'What difference does that make?' says I. 'If American,' he answered, 'it's \$4 per day; if European, \$1.50.' I thought a moment, and then an idea struck me how to get ahead of him. I walked apboldly and registered from London."-New York Press.

The Standing Army. Old Lady-Poor fellow! And so you wre a soldier?

Corporal Cannon-Yes, ma'am. Old Lady-I'm awfully sorry for you. My, my, to think they never allow you to sit down!

Corporal Cannon-Ma'am? Old Lady-I said I was sorry for you. and it is heartless and cruel for the government to keep a standing army

all the time Corporal Cannon-Ma'am? Oh, yes, ma'am, thank you .- London Chums.

Discovery of Iron. Teacher-Johnny, can you tell me how iron was first discovered?

Johnny-Yes, sir. "Well, just tell the class what your

information is on that point." "I heard pa say yesterday that they amelt it."-Spare Moments.

Oh, So Politel

"Politest people I ever knew down in that fever and ague country." remarkd the traveler. "In other places they shake hands when they greet you, but down there they shake all over."-Chioago Post

#### VIRTUES OF LIGHT LUNCHES

American Acuteness Due In Part to the Midday Repasts.

A great many people feel they have done their whole duty by sound bygiene when they denounce the "quick lunch" of the American business world as the sum of all gastronomic iniquities. But in so far as the quick lunch is a light lunch, and it usually is this, it may be a blessing in disguise. In fact, an observing foreigner lays much of the acuteness and business energy of Americans to the fact that for the most part the American business and professional man eats lightly, even if burriedly, and drinks but little at the midday meal; hence his mind is clear, he is not sluggish and he is able to do a |o good deal between 1 o'clock and 6.

As a contrast the foreign observer mentions the heavy midday eating habits of certain European countries, notably Germany, and to that he attributes the lethargy that is calling for all the highest efforts of the best minds to counteract. In this he is in harmony with an American specialist, who in decrying a heavy midday meal said that "the plan of eating a heavy meal at noon and returning to work almost directly from the dinner table explains the prevalence of dyspepsia in countries not enjoying the long afternoon recess of the tropics." Since the light lunch and the quick lunch do not fit in with this criticism those who have blamed our national dyspepsia on the "busy man's bite" had better

look a little further into the matter. Perhaps we do eat too much, as cer-tain diatetic specialists tell us, but # looks as if we were slowly appaoximating, the country over, to an ideal dietetic system, for Americans, which makes the lunch the slightest meal and the evening meal the most substantial meal of the day, whatever it may be called. And if the quick lunch of the business world has had any effect in this direction it is not the unmixed evil some declare it to be.-Philadelphia

#### THE FIRST AUTOMOBILE.

an Ancient, Self Meving Shrine of Bacchus.

Few, perhaps, are aware that the first automobile, considered in the sense of a vehicle containing within itself powers of locomotion, of which there is any authentic account was a self moving shrine of Bacchus.

This was the invention of Heron of Alexandria, who describes it in his work on automatic mechanism. The shrine in question was mounted upon two supporting and two driving wheels. On the axle of the driving wheels was a drum, about which was wound a rope, which passed upward through the space on one side of the shrine over pulleys and was fastened to the ring of a ponderous lead weight, which rested upon a quantity of dry, fine sand. The escape of this sand through a small hole in the middle of the floor of the comparement containing it allowed the lead weight gradually to descend and % by pulling upon the cord caused the A fine cheese pudding is made by shrine to move slowly forward in a

of cheese. Warm two ounces of butter | Heron describes the method of ar ranging and proportioning the wheels in case it was desired that the shrine | % move in a circular path. He also shows how the shrine can be constructed to & move in a straight line at right angles | 2

to each other. Officials of the patent office overlooked the device of Heron when they w granted patents on slot machines, notwithstanding that previously Thomas Eubank, commissioner of patents in 1850, illustrated and described Heron's invention. The mechanism of the latter is almost identical with that in the modern device and simply serves as another proof of the saving. "There is nothing new under the sun."-Washington Times.

Sprung a Surprise. The man had not settled with the grocer for nearly six months.

The grocer, needing some money, presented his bill.

"Surely," said the man, looking in surprise at the long list of items, "there must be some mistake in this." "No mistake at all, sir," answered the grocer belligerently. "I am pre- Thains Leave as Follows, Mountain Time pared to make affidavit that every item is correct and that the footing is right to a cent. When an account runs as long as this one has run and the customer hasn't kept track of it, he nearly always kicks,"

"Oh, I'm not kicking," said the man, proceeding to write a check for the amount. "What surprises me is that the bill is only about half as big as I expected."-Chicago Tribune.

### Dreaded the Results.

Doctor-You'll have to accustom yourself to one cigar after meals. Patient-Oh, doctor, that's pretty hard.

Doctor-Tut, tut! After a time you'll find it easy to give up even the cigar after meals.

Patient-But I'm sure I'll be giving up my meals after the cigars. I've never smoked, you know .- Catholic Standard and Times.

#### An Artful Dodger. "How is your boy getting along at

school?" "Splendidly, splendidly! I tell you, my friend, this boy of mine will make his way in the world, don't you fear. During the time he's been going to school they have had thirty-two examinations, and he's managed to dodge every one of them."-Glasgow Evening Times.

The man who never makes mistakes does not know the real pleasure there is in being right.-Saturday Evening

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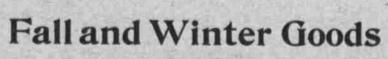
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